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Health and Family Services Appointments Announced

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 2, 2004) - Cabinet for Health and Family Services Secretary James W. Holsinger, Jr. M.D. today announced several new appointments to top cabinet positions.

Delanor Manson has been appointed Deputy Secretary for CHFS.

Manson is a registered nurse licensed in Kentucky, California and New Mexico, a certified health care quality professional and a U.S. Navy Reservist. She most recently was employed as a senior healthcare consultant with Smith Seckman Reid, Inc. of Nashville and previously was senior vice president for accreditation and regulatory management for META Associates of Louisville, a health care program management company. She has nearly 30 years' experience in health care education, marketing and business development as well as practical patient care.

Manson received her nursing degree from the University of Kentucky and holds a master's degree in healthcare administration from Webster University.

As Deputy Secretary of CHFS, Manson said she will focus on supporting cabinet initiatives to fulfill Gov. Fletcher's goals to strengthen the state's public and private health care systems and the families they serve.

Rebecca Cecil has been appointed Deputy Undersecretary for Health.

Cecil, a licensed pharmacist, received her degree from the University of Kentucky's School of Pharmacy. During her 14-year tenure with state government, she has served as the Director of Licensing and Regulation in the CHFS Office of the Inspector General and assistant to both the Secretary of Health Services and the Commissioner of the Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services. Most recently she served as CHFS Acting Deputy Commissioner and Acting Commissioner for the Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services.

As Deputy Undersecretary for Health, Cecil will assist in the oversight and administration of Public Health, Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services, Medicaid and other health services provided to CHFS clients.

Cecil said her initial focus will be on the areas of Public Health and Medicaid.

Marla Montell has been appointed Commissioner of the Department for Human Support Services.

Montell has worked in the pharmaceutical industry since 1993. She was hired by Bristol-Meyers Squibb in 1996 and was promoted to the company's hospital division in 1998.

Previously she worked as a long-term care ombudsman for the Barren River Area Development District and was admissions coordinator and social services director for the Medco Center of Bowling Green.

She has a bachelor's degree in health care administration from Western Kentucky University where she also attended graduate school.

As Commissioner of the Department for Human Support Services, Montell will oversee the Division of Women's Physical and Mental Health, Division of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services, the Division of Aging Services, the Division of Family Resource and Youth Services Centers and the Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service.

Montell said in her new position she looks forward to the opportunity to serve and assist Kentuckians of all ages experiencing various life circumstances.

John "JP" Hamm has been named Executive Director of the Office of Human Resource Management.

Hamm most recently was a Partner in the Louisville office of Stites & Harbison, PLLC, where he was a member of the Labor and Employment Law Service Group and served on the Ethics and Recruiting Committees. He previously was an associate with the Barenweper & Lobb and MacKenzie and Peden law firms, also in Louisville.

He is a *magna cum laude* graduate of both Washington & Lee University and the University of Louisville School of Law.

Hamm is a member of the Society for Human Resource Management and has written articles and presented seminars on a variety employment issues. He also served as President and Counsel of the Board of Directors of the Spina Bifida Association of Kentucky, Inc.

As Executive Director of Human Resources Management, Hamm said he looks forward to serving the interests of Cabinet clients and employees.

Kenneth Chatman has been appointed the Ombudsman for CHFS.

Chatman served as vice president for student affairs at Kentucky State University for five years and was previously KSU's director of Institutional Research. His duties at KSU involved planning and budgeting, student advocacy, residence life, student life, career services and student discipline.

He holds doctorate and master's degrees in educational psychology from the University of Tennessee, and a bachelor's in history from Saginaw Valley State.

As Ombudsman, Chatman will provide an independent voice for citizens who believe they have been treated wrongly or unfairly by the Cabinet.

Chatman said the Office of the Ombudsman will review complaints and answer questions related to Cabinet programs and services to both resolve citizen complaints and help improve Cabinet operations.

Tamra Gormley has been appointed Director of the Division of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services.

Gormley is a graduate of Boston College and the University of Kentucky College of Law. Throughout her 15-year legal career, she has been a voice for victims of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault.

She has served as an assistant attorney general and was the director of the attorney general's Office of Victim Advocacy. As a felony prosecutor in Fayette County, Gormley focused on cases involving violent crimes against women and children. She served most recently as a national and state trainer on legal issues relating to victims of crime.

Gormley said that in her new position, she will continue to advocate on behalf of vulnerable persons and she looks forward to responding to the governor's call to action delivered in his inaugural address. "I was especially inspired by the governor's challenge to dedicate ourselves to relieving suffering, improving lives and working for a better future," Gormley said.

Joyce King Jennings has been named Director of the Division of Women's Physical and Mental Health.

Jennings has worked for the past 30 years as a community leader and volunteer in the Louisville area raising over \$500,000 for medical awareness and research causes. Since 1996 she has been a member of the Judicial Conduct Commission. The Commission is faced with many situations which focus on the special problems of women with relation to the court system. For 25 years she worked closely with her father, the late William H. King, in his promotion and public relations firm and at Louisville Downs Race Track where she served as vice president of the board of directors. In her capacity as director of the Division of Women's Physical and Mental Health, Jennings will use her knowledge and experience to raise funds and awareness of the health issues women face throughout the state.

Jonathan Copley has been named Executive Director of the Office of Contracts Oversight.

Copley most recently served as staff attorney to Judge Paul Isaacs of the 16th circuit, Bourbon, Scott and Woodford Counties.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law, Copley also earned a bachelor's degree in business marketing management from Campbellsville University.

In his position with CHFS, Copley will oversee daily operations of the cabinet's contracts management functions. He said he looks forward to helping maintain the integrity and efficiency of cabinet contracts and contracting processes.

Sandra Brock has been named Executive Assistant to the Undersecretary for Human Services.

Brock is a licensed occupational therapist with 14 years' experience. She was most recently employed as an independent contractor providing occupational therapy with Horn, Richardson and Associates in Rehabilitation in Lexington.

She worked for Kindred Healthcare of Louisville, formerly Vencor, Inc./Hillhaven Corp., from 1992 - 2003 where she managed six rehabilitation departments throughout central Kentucky, supervised staff and provided direct patient care.

She has a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy from Wayne State University. Brock will assist Undersecretary for Human Services, Mike Fields, in administration of the divisions of Aging Services, Women's Physical and Mental Health and other cabinet agencies providing social and human services.

Pamela Dohoney has been appointed Director of the Division of Employee Management.

Dohoney has been Director of Strategic Management for the Transit Authority of River City (Louisville) since 2001, where she managed employee professional development, system and performance analysis and planning functions for TARC.

Previously, she was employed by the City of Louisville for 15 years in varying positions, most recently as operations administrator for the Louisville Development Authority.

Dohoney has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Louisville, master's of human resource management from Webster University and a bachelor's degree in political science from U of L.

As director, Dohoney will oversee operations of the Cabinet's employee training and professional development activities.

Shelley Rader has been named Director of the cabinet's Division of Personnel Administration.

Rader has been employed as consultant and held management positions in the retail, service and hotel industries for more than 13 years. She most recently served as operations consultant to franchisees of the Allied Domecq Quick Service Restaurants company of Randolph, MA, where she advised more than 70 restaurants in Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee. Her consulting specialties include operations, marketing, sales, profits and customer service.

She attended the University of Kentucky, University of Alabama at Huntsville and Samford University.

Rader said she looks forward to the challenges of her new position and serving the Commonwealth.